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MOUSEFORD**



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HELLO! WELCOME TO THE  
FABUMOUSE WORLD OF THE  
THEA SISTERS!



Thea Sisters



Hi, I'm Thea Stilton, Geronimo Stilton's sister! I am a special reporter for The Rodent's Gazette, the most famous newspaper on Mouse Island. I love traveling and meeting new mice all over the world, like the Thea Sisters. These five friends have helped me out with my adventures. Let me introduce you to these fabumouse young mice!



**Colette** has a real passion for fashion. She loves to design her own clothes in her favorite color, pink.



**Violet** loves studying and learning new things. She is a fan of classical music and dreams of becoming a famous violinist someday.





**Pamela** loves pizza so much she eats it for breakfast. She is a skilled mechanic who can fix just about any motor she gets her paws on.



**PAULINA** is shy and loves to read about faraway places. But she loves traveling to those places even more.



**Nicky** is from the Australian outback, where she developed a love of nature and the environment. This outdoors-loving mouse is always on the move.



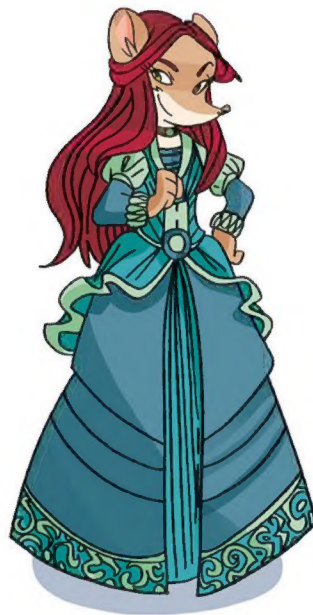
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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MOUSEFORD!

The air at **MOUSEFORD**  
**ACADEMY** was filled with  
excitement. The school was  
turning **SIX HUNDRED**  
**YEARS** old!



A big birthday like that called for a big  
**CELEBRATION**. The professors at  
the academy had been trying for weeks to  
come up with the *perfect* event to mark  
the occasion.

The school's headmaster, Professor  
Octavius de Mousus, **P A W E D**  
through the pages of ideas. But he just  
couldn't make up his mind. There were **SO**  
**many** to choose from!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY,



MOUSEFORD!

A **CHEESE** festival? A cheese-sculpting contest? **Fireworks?** Nothing seemed quite perfect enough. He just couldn't decide.





## AN IMPORTANT DECISION

The Thea Sisters could all feel the **excitement** in the air. They felt lucky to be at the school during such an important anniversary.

**“WOW**, can you believe this place has been here for six hundred years?” Nicky asked.

“I can’t wait to find out what the big celebration will be,” Pamela said. “I hope it’s a **SUPER-CHEESY** feast!”

*“Oooh, or a really big dance!”*



Colette exclaimed, clapping her paws.

“I was thinking that a **concert** would be nice,” Violet added.



“Whatever it is, I’m sure it will be *mouse-tastic*,” Paulina said confidently. “The professors are working really hard on this.”



Pam suddenly looked alarmed. “Hey! You don’t think they’ll do a math marathon or a spelling bee, do you?”

Her friends all burst out **laughing**.

“I hope not,” Paulina answered. “I’m sure whatever they’re planning will be **FUN**.”

Nicky frowned. “Unless the Ruby Crew decides to **spoil** things, like they usually do.”

The Thea Sisters all knew what Nicky meant. **Ruby Flashyfur** and her friends weren’t exactly team players. Anytime they got involved in an event, they wanted to do things their way.

“I hope not,” Pam said. “That would **stink**”



worse than rotten cheese!”

While the students waited to hear the news, Headmaster de Mousus gathered all the professors in the staff room. Time was ***RUNNING OUT***, and they had to make a decision!

The headmaster cleared his throat. “My distinguished colleagues,” he began. “There are exactly **THREE MONTHS** until the official ceremony, and we need to come up with a proper celebration.”

The professors began to talk all at once.

“What about my idea?”

“No, **mine** is the best!”

The headmaster tapped his paw on the table. “Now, all of your proposals were good, but none of them were quite right,” he said. “We need something . . . ***mousetacular!***”



Across the table, Professor Margaret Rattcliff gave a little cough.

A professor of literature and creative writing, she was usually very quiet and kept to herself.

“The answer is *obvious*,” she said. “William Squeakspeare, the great playwright, attended this academy many years ago. We should perform one of his *great works*!”





The headmaster's eyes lit up. "A *play*? That's just the thing!"

"This way, both students and teachers can be involved," said Professor Rattcliff. "We haven't had a play performed here since we shut down the theater department years ago. Mouseford Academy could use a little *drama* in these halls."

Headmaster de Mousus nodded. "It is exactly the *mousetacular* idea that we needed!"



## AN AWKWARD SPY

All of the professors agreed that a William Squeakspeare play was the *perfect* idea for a celebration.

“This is a **wonderful** opportunity for the students,” said Professor Mousilda Marblemouse. “The students who don’t want to act can work behind the scenes. Others can handle **publicity** and make posters. Or they can —”

Before she could finish her sentence, a **loud noise** that sounded like an out-of-tune piano interrupted her.

**PLINK! PLUNK!**  
**PLUNK! PLINK!**



“What is going on?” asked Headmaster de Mousus.

Professor Marblemouse got up to investigate, and Professor Bartholomew Sparkle joined her. The **noise** was coming from a room next to the staff room that was used to store **musical instruments**.

The two professors *cautiously* approached the door and opened it. A streak of light lit up **Ruby Flashyfur**, who was hiding under a grand piano.

“What are you doing here?” asked Professor Sparkle.

Ruby quickly got to her feet. “I was, um . . . you see, I was . . . practicing the **piano!**”

The two teachers exchanged glances. They both knew Ruby well. It was clear that she wasn’t there to practice the piano. She had been **eavesdropping!**



“I know what you’re up to, Ruby,” Professor Marblemouse said. “And I guess I understand. I know all of the students are **curious** to find out what the big celebration will be.”

“But eavesdropping is still **wrong**,” Professor Sparkle added.

Ruby tried to look **innocent**. “But I wasn’t —”





“No excuses, Ruby,” Professor Marblemouse said. “Now get to your room. And don’t whisper a word about this to anyone. Not until the headmaster’s **BIG ANNOUNCEMENT.**”



“Oh, I promise,” Ruby said, batting her eyelashes. But as soon as she got back to the dorm, she **BURST** into the room where her friends were *eagerly* waiting for her.

“You won’t believe what I found out!” she squeaked.



## SQUEAKSPEARE'S CHEESY PLAY

The next day, the school auditorium was **buzzing** with anticipation. Headmaster de Mousus was about to make a **BIG** announcement.

“I can’t wait to find out what the **celebration** will be,” Nicky said, practically bouncing in her seat.

Ruby walked past, her snout in the air as always. “Some of us in the **know** already **know**,” she said mysteriously.

Pam frowned. “What does that mean?”

Paulina nudged her friend. “**Sssh!** The headmaster’s about to speak.”

Headmaster de Mousus cleared his throat. “Dear students, I am sure you are aware of



the **IMPORTANCE** of this announcement,” he began.

“Oh no,” Nicky groaned. “It’s another one of his **long** lectures!”

“Six hundred years is a major anniversary,” the headmaster went on. “Therefore, it deserves a celebration worthy of . . . **BLAH blah blah** . . . one that will stand the test of . . . **BLAH blah blah** . . .”





“**NOOO!**” Nicky wailed, covering her ears with her paws, and her friends giggled.

“**Sssh!**” Violet warned. “He’ll hear you!”

The headmaster droned on. “**BLAH blah blah** . . . after much deliberation . . . **BLAH blah blah** . . . and an excellent suggestion by Professor Rattcliff . . . **BLAH blah blah** . . . we all agreed that we will put on a play!”

The **chattering** students suddenly became quiet. He had their attention.

“And not just any play,” Professor de Mousus continued. “We will perform a work by Mouseford Academy’s most **FAMOUSE** alumnus, William Squeakspeare!”

The audience burst into **applause**.

“And now Professor Rattcliff will give us more information about the performance,” the headmaster announced.

“For the performance, we have chosen



Squeakspeare's greatest *play*," the professor said.

Everyone began to *chatter*. Which one would it be? *A Midsummer Night's Cheese?* *Much Ado About Cheddar?* *Rodent III?*

"This play tells the tale of two young friends from **RIVAL** cheese-making families," Professor Rattcliff continued. "One makes a fine blue cheese, and the other makes a tasty mozzarella. The **CHEESE-CROSSED** young rodents want to open their own cheese shop together, but their *jealous* families want to keep them apart."

The students let out a *cheer*. Everyone knew that play. . . .

"It's *Mouseo and Juliet!*" Professor Rattcliff announced, and the students started to talk excitedly.

Ruby raised her paw. "I know every line,







Professor,” she **bragged**. “Mouseo, oh, Mouseo, wherefore art thou, Mouseo?”

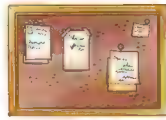
“Please save it for the **audition**, Ruby,” Professor Rattcliff said. “Tomorrow, we’ll post an audition schedule in the main hall. Everyone is welcome to try out.”

The students started to whoop and cheer again.

Headmaster de Mousus stood. “**SETTLE DOWN**, students. This meeting is over. Please proceed to your next class.”

The young rodents **RUSHED** out of the auditorium, eager to start practicing for the tryouts.

**THE COMPETITION HAD BEGUN!**

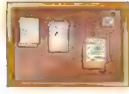


## THE AUDITIONS BEGIN!

The Thea Sisters stayed up **LATE** that night talking about the play. The next day, they walked together to the main hall to see the audition **ANNOUNCEMENT**. A crowd of **excited** students had already gathered around the board.

Auditions for the Mouseford Academy production of Mouseo and Juliet will be held this Saturday at 3 p.m. in the auditorium. All students interested in acting roles should attend.

Headmaster Octavius de Mousus



Paulina turned to her friends. "Are you all thinking of auditioning?" she asked.

"**You bet!**" said Nicky. "I've climbed **MOUNTAINS** and slept in the desert, but I've never had a lead in a play. Playing Juliet would be an awesome **challenge.**"

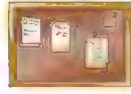
"Juliet is such a **BEAUTIFUL** soul," Violet said. "Like a lilting concerto. I would love to win that role."

"I think Juliet is such a **romantic** part," added Colette. "I'd love to play her, and I'd wear a beautiful **pink** dress."

"Juliet is my favorite literary character," Paulina added. "I have **STAGE FRIGHT**, but I might try to get over my fear if I could play her."

"I'm just thinking about how **proud** Thea would be if I got the lead part!" Pam exclaimed.





“It’s too bad we **all** can’t play Juliet,” Colette remarked.

The Thea Sisters got *quiet*. They knew that only one mouse could get the part of Juliet. Yet they all wanted it.

Paulina spoke up first. “I think I would be *happy* as long as one of us got the part,” she said.

Pam nodded. “Me, too.”

“We should make a **PACT**,” Nicky suggested. “No matter what happens, we’ll be happy for whomever gets it.”

She held out her paw. Violet, Paulina, and Pam each put a paw on top of hers. Only Colette held back. She was staring *dreamily* into space.

“Hey, Coco?” Nicky asked. “What’s up?”

“Sorry,” Colette said, shaking her head. “I was *dreaming* about that pink dress.”

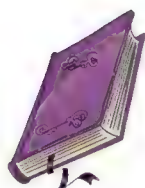


She added her paw to the pile, and the friends made their pact.

“You know, we should get to the **library**,” Violet suggested. “We need to find a copy of that play.”

But when they got to the library, an **UNWELCOME SURPRISE** awaited.





## REALLY, RUBY?

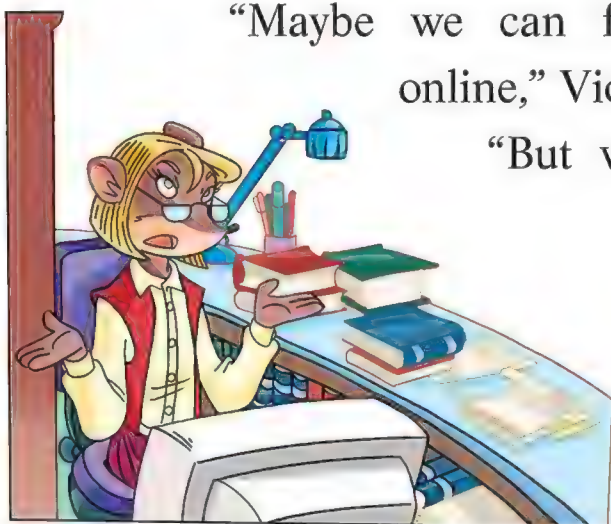
“How could there be **none** left?” Nicky asked the librarian. “There used to be a whole shelf of copies.”

“I’m sorry,” the librarian replied. “But two days ago, every copy of every one of Squeakspeare’s plays was checked out.”

“Hmm. **TWO DAYS AGO?**” Paulina asked. “And every single copy?”

“Maybe we can find some copies online,” Violet suggested.

“But we’ll lose practice time while we’re **w a i t i n g** for them to arrive,” Nicky said with a sigh.



REALLY,



RUBY?

The Thea Sisters **sadly** went back to Nicky and Paulina's room to figure something out.

"There's got to be a solution," Colette said. "I'm sure we could find someone to **share** their copy with us."

"That's just the thing," Nicky said. "I've **texted** everybody we know, and nobody has a copy."

Violet frowned. "That's **strange**. Then who took out all those books?"

Suddenly, the friends heard voices in the hall.

"**That sounds like Ruby!**" Pam exclaimed.

"I think we should see what she's up to," Paulina said. "I have a feeling it's nothing good."



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REALLY,



RUBY?

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The Thea Sisters went into the hallway and found Ruby and her friends — the **Ruby Crew** — there. Each one of them held a copy of *Mouseo and Juliet*.

“Really, Ruby?” Nicky asked, folding her arms. “We should have known.”

Ruby’s eyes widened **innocently**. “What do you mean?”

Pam nodded toward the book in her paws. “How did you all get a copy of the play? The **library** has been out of books for two days — since before the play was even announced.”

Ruby sniffed. “I don’t know what you’re talking about.”

“I think you must have found out about the play early somehow,” Paulina said quietly. “That’s why yesterday you said you were **‘in the know.’**”



Ruby shrugged. “I still don’t know what you’re talking about,” she **insisted**.

“That’s not fair,” Nicky said. “We should —”

Violet put a paw on her shoulder. “Don’t **WORRY** about it. I think I have an idea.”

They all went outside. Pam shook her head.

**“That Ruby!”**

“Forget her,” Violet said. “I was thinking— Headmaster de Mousus said the auditions were open to everyone. So I’m sure Professor Rattcliff has more **books** somewhere.”

**“GREAT IDEA!”** Pam agreed.

They went right to the professor’s office, and Violet explained that the library was out of books. (She left out their **SUSPICIONS** about Ruby. Focusing on the auditions was much more important.)

As she predicted, Professor Rattcliff was very helpful.

REALLY,

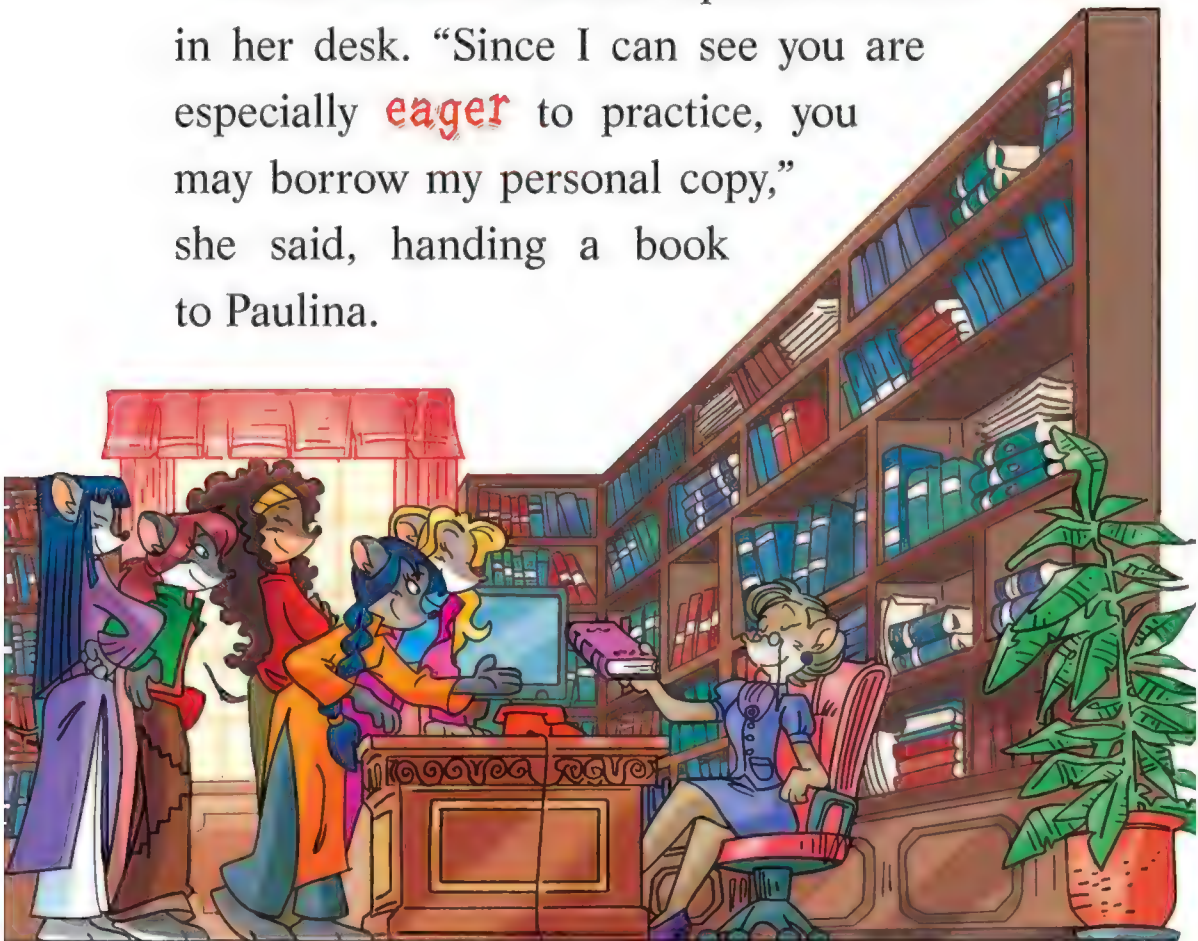


RUBY?

“DON’T WORRY,” she assured them. “I had a feeling that Headmaster de Mousus would love the idea of doing the play, so I ordered enough copies for everyone last week. They should be here tomorrow.”

“**AWESOME!**” said Nicky.

Then Professor Rattcliff opened a drawer in her desk. “Since I can see you are especially **eager** to practice, you may borrow my personal copy,” she said, handing a book to Paulina.





“Thank you so much!” Violet exclaimed.  
“We’ll take *good care* of it.”

“Prepare yourselves well,” the professor said. “A combination of **DEDICATION** and talent will get you far.”

The friends thanked her and left her office.

“Can you believe that?” Pam asked. “I always thought she was the **strictest** professor. But she’s being *super-nice*.”

“I’ve always liked her,” Paulina remarked.  
“She loves **books** as much as I do.”

Nicky broke into a run. “Come on!” she yelled. “We need to tell everybody the **good news!**”



## THE GECKOS

The Thea Sisters and the Ruby Crew weren't the only ones excited about trying out for the play. So were the members of the **Geckos**, the school's club for boy mice. They gathered in their **meeting room** on the second floor of the

academy to practice.

Most students thought that **CRAIG** would get the part of Mouseo. He was handsome and charming, and he loved being the center of attention.

"That Romeo was a real tough guy, like me," Craig said, **puffing out** his chest. "I would be **perfect** for the part."





But Shen, the *shyest* rodent in the club, didn't agree. He knew the play well and thought that Mouseo was *sweet* and *sensitive* — a *dreamer*, just like him.

Shen thought he was perfect for the part. And he knew who would be his perfect Juliet — *Pamela!*

IF HE AND PAMELA GOT THE LEAD  
ROLES, HE WOULD FINALLY HAVE  
A CHANCE TO TALK TO HER....

“Shen? Wake up Shen!”

Shen awoke from his *daydream* to find Craig shaking his arm.

“Sorry, what?” **SHEN** asked, almost

dropping the **books** he was carrying.

“I was just saying that I should be the **OFFICIAL** member of the Geckos who tries out for Mouseo,” Craig said. “Don’t you agree, sleepyhead?”

Shen saw his dreams **dissolve** in front of





him. He wouldn't even get a chance to try out!

Then a rodent in the back of the room spoke up.

"You're not the only one with a chance, Craig," said **Ryder Flashyfur**.

All of the club members turned to look at him. Ryder, Ruby's brother, had the same red hair as his sister, but that's about as much as they had in common. **MYSTERIOUS** and *quiet*, Ryder mostly kept to himself. But whenever he spoke up, his **magnetic** personality got a lot of attention.

"Who else could play Mouseo?" Craig asked. "Not Shen, that's for sure."

Shen looked down at his feet.

"Well, you never know," Ryder said **smoothly**. "And I know *I'll* be trying out."

"You?" Craig asked with a **snicker**. "Up



on a stage? I thought you preferred hanging out in **DARK CORNERS.**"

Ryder ignored him. "It's a really good play," he said with a shrug. "And that Mouseo is pretty **cool.**"

"Ha! I don't believe you've even read the play," Craig said.

Ryder strode into the center of the room and began to **recite** lines from the play. Shen recognized them. They were from the famous balcony scene. In it, Mouseo tries to get Juliet to run away with him so they can start their own **CHEESE SHOP.**

The rodents in the room were quiet as Ryder said the lines. He was **perfect!** When he finished, Ryder left the room without a word.

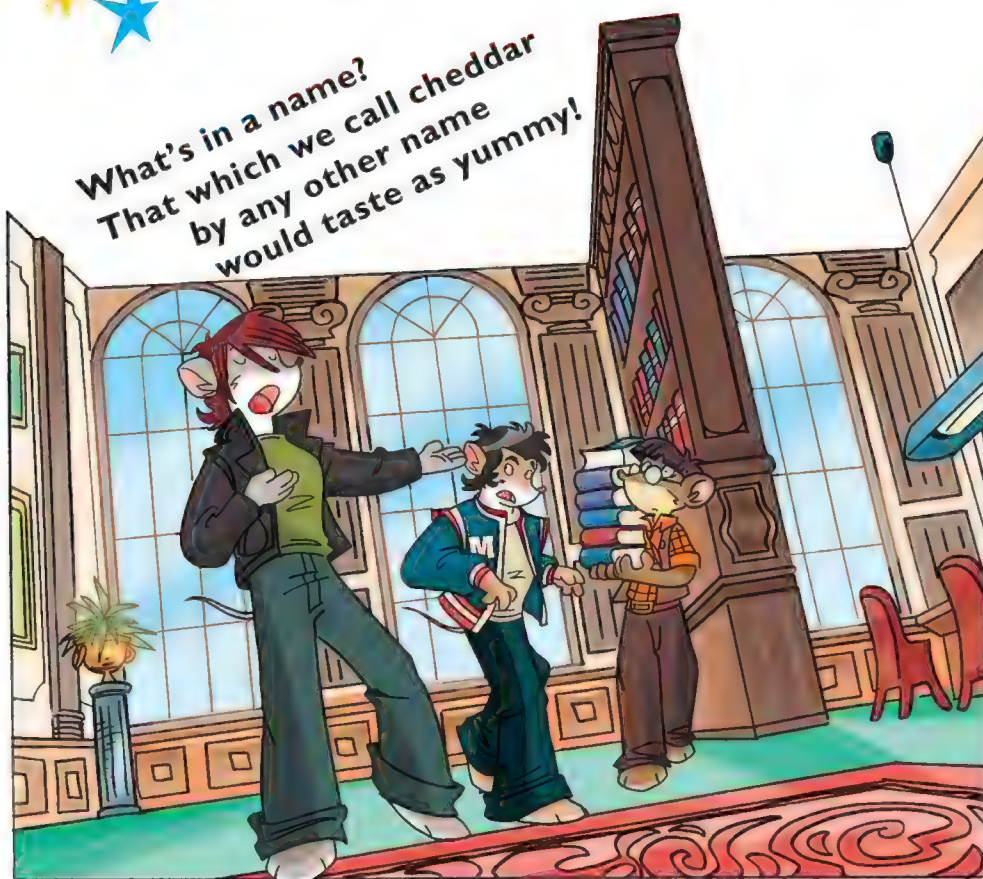
"Wow," one of the club members said. "He was **GREAT**, wasn't he?"



Craig shrugged. "He was all right, I guess," he said. But to himself, he thought, *I hope he doesn't get the part. I want to play Mouseo, and I want Ruby to be my Juliet!*


Shen, on the other hand, couldn't help **ADMIRING** Ryder.

*Now, that is the perfect Mouseo!* Shen thought.





## THE BIG DAY!

On the day of the auditions, the  looked like a big wheel of cheddar in the sky. Almost every student in the academy was in the hallway outside the auditorium, waiting to try out. Some were **ANXIOUSLY** pacing back and forth, and others were reciting lines **OUT LOUD**.

Paulina looked around. “There are quite a few roles in the play. A lot of students will get parts.”

“But everyone wants to be either **Mouseo** or **Juliet**,” Nicky pointed out.

Pamela grinned.

**“YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!  
THEY’VE ALL GOT THE THEATER BUG!”**





“I am so **NERVOUS**,” Colette said as she tapped her paw impatiently. “Waiting is the **worst!**”

Pamela, Paulina, and Violet were quietly reciting Juliet’s lines. Ruby walked past them with her snout in the air, as always.

“I bet she’s **surprised** to see that everybody has a copy of the play,” Nicky whispered to Colette.

At that moment, the big clock in the hallway chimed *three* times.

**BONG! BONG!**  
**BONG!**

“The auditions are starting!” someone shouted, and everyone **RUSHED** into the auditorium.

Inside, the **CELEBRATION** committee sat behind a large table, ready to hear



the auditions. Professor Rattcliff, Professor Marblemouse, and Professor Sparkle would make the *decisions*, led by Headmaster de Mousus.

The students crowded into the auditorium, and a nervous *SILENCE* filled the room. The headmaster stood up.

“Dearest students of Mouseford Academy, I now declare the *auditions* for the performance of *Mouseo and Juliet* officially open!” he announced, and the students broke into applause.





He pointed to a large *vase* on the table. “If you wish to audition, write your name on a piece of paper and place it in here,” he instructed.

As the students began to *scribble*, he continued. “We will pull out the names from the vase one at a time,” he explained. “That will determine the order of auditions and who goes **FIRST**.”

“This seems more like a lottery than an audition,” Pam whispered, and her friends all *giggled*.

“But it is a very honest method,” Violet pointed out. “After all, whoever goes first will have an advantage. After hearing the same lines recited again and again, the judges will get *tired* by the end.”

Colette gasped. “Oh no! What if I’m **last**? That would be terrible.”



“Don’t worry,” Paulina soothed her. “After all, if you’re the **BEST**, the judges will notice — even if you do go last.”

Colette sighed. “Right! I just need a little **CONFIDENCE**, that’s all.” She scribbled her name on a piece of paper with her *pink* pen.

When they finished, the Thea Sisters walked up to the vase and dropped their names inside. Each one was thinking the same thing. *I hope I get the part of Juliet! But if I don’t, I hope one of my friends gets it!*





## IT SMELLS LIKE SABOTAGE!

“One piece of paper per candidate,” Headmaster de Mousus said loudly, as the **students** came up to drop their names in the vase. “Anyone discovered putting their name in more than once will be **disqualified.**”



*Ruby's ears perked up when she heard this.*

A few minutes later, Alicia, a member of the Ruby Crew, spotted Ruby filling out several pieces of paper.

“What are you doing?” she asked **LOUDLY.**



“Sssh!” Ruby warned. “Do you want them to find out?”

“But the headmaster said you can’t put in your name more than once,” Alicia said.

The rest of the **Ruby Crew**, Zoe and Connie, approached them.

“What’s going on?” they asked.

“Don’t you get it?” Ruby said.

“We can use this to our *advantage*.”

“No, I don’t get it,” Alicia said, shaking her head.



“I’m not writing *our* names on the paper,” Ruby explained *impatiently*.

“I’m writing down the names of the **Thea Sisters**! So they’ll be *disqualified*!”

Alicia’s eyes lit up. “*Genius*!”

Connie grinned. “That is some impressive **SABOTAGE**.”

IT SMELLS



LIKE SABOTAGE!

The Ruby Crew **QUICKLY** got to work filling out as many **FAKE** sheets of paper as they could.

“Now none of the Thea Sisters will get to play Juliet,” Ruby said. “In fact, none of them will get *any* part.”

Then she and her crew **snuck** every piece of paper into the vase without anyone noticing.





## WHO WILL PLAY MOUSEO?

While they waited for the audition schedule to be announced, the Thea Sisters went outside to get some FRESH AIR in the school's garden. The warm sun felt good on their fur, and the air smelled of flowers.

Nicky STRETCHED. "I'm getting stiff from sitting around waiting!"

Paulina nodded. "Me, too. Let's take a WALK."

"Good idea. I need to shake off some nervous ENERGY," Colette agreed.

Violet held back. "I'm going to stay here and go over my lines again."

Colette looked surprised. "But, Violet, you've repeated your lines a million times.



Plus, you're **AMAZING!**"

"Thanks," Violet said with a shy smile. Her friends nodded in agreement. Violet was **EXPRESSIVE** and **sensitive** when she read Juliet's lines.

"I'll stay here and give you a paw, Vi," Pamela offered.

So Pamela and Violet stayed in the *garden* while Colette, Nicky, and Paulina took a walk in the courtyard. Nicky noticed Ryder Flashyfur leaning against a column. She had always been a little curious about Ruby's shy brother.

"Let's go say hi," Nicky suggested.

As they approached Ryder, they noticed that he seemed to be **talking** to himself. Then Paulina figured it out.

"He's **reciting** lines," she said. "For Mouseo's part!"



“Interesting,” Colette said *thoughtfully*.  
“I thought for sure that Craig would be the only member of the Geckos trying out.”

“Craig?” asked Nicky.

“Well, he’s the most **OUTGOING**,” Colette said. “And Ryder usually likes to stay in the **SHADOWS**, you know?”





Just then, Violet and Pamela caught up with them. Panting, Violet announced, “**The list is up!** Come on!”

The Thea Sisters **QUICKLY** ran back to the building to find out where they were on the audition schedule.



## DISQUALIFIED?

A large group of curious heads **BOBBED** up and down in front of the list. The Thea Sisters waited their turn. But when they got to the list, they **discovered** that their names weren't on it!

They read it again and again in disbelief.

**"HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?"**

exclaimed Nicky, who couldn't believe her eyes. "Not a single one of us is on here!"

They were all **SPEECHLESS** for a moment. What



could have happened? Then Professor Rattcliff walked up to them.

“Come with me,” she said in a *whisper*.  
“I’m afraid there is a problem.”

The Thea Sisters looked at one another as they followed the professor up to the second floor. Something **TERRIBLE** was going on!



Professor Rattcliff led them to Headmaster de Mousus's **OFFICE**. He looked them up and down, and he seemed to be very annoyed.

"I am very **disappointed** in you students," he said. "When we counted up all the names, we discovered that your names appeared many times. The rules about this were very **CLEAR!**"

This news startled the Thea Sisters. Violet stepped forward to object.

**"THAT CAN'T BE TRUE!  
WE DIDN'T DO IT!"**

"That's not possible," whispered Paulina quietly.

"We followed the rules," **protested** Pam.

Professor Rattcliff interrupted. "I believe you," she said. "You have never **misbehaved**

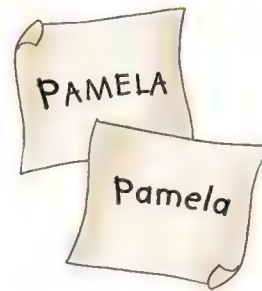




since you have been at the academy, and I don't think you would start now."

The headmaster nodded. "We have gathered all of the **PAPERS** with your names on them. Let's see if we can **FIGURE OUT** what happened."

The Thea Sisters carefully examined the papers. They quickly noticed a very important detail.



"One of these names is in my *handwriting*," Pam said, "but the rest aren't. See?"


Looking at the papers, it was **CLEAR** that someone else had written the names of the Thea Sisters on the extra slips of paper.

The headmaster nodded. "You are right. These extra names were added by **someone else!**"

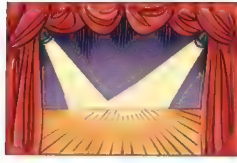
The Thea Sisters breathed a sigh of relief.

“Someone must have played a terrible **trick** on you,” Professor Rattcliff said. “We’ll conduct an investigation. Until then, I’ll put your names at the bottom of the list.”

“Thank you!” the friends said.

When they left the office, Nicky turned to the others. “Ruby has her  all over this!” she said. “We should say something. Then *she’d* be disqualified.”

“We don’t have **proof**,” Violet said. “Besides, I don’t need to play games like Ruby does. If I get the part, I want it to be because I’m the best — not because someone else got **disqualified!**”



## THEATER FEVER

The Thea Sisters made their way back to the *auditorium*. They passed by Craig as they entered.

“What are you doing here?” he asked. “I thought you were **OFF THE LIST**.”

“That was a **MISTAKE**,” Violet said. “We’re back on it — at the bottom.”

Craig shrugged. “It doesn’t matter anyway. Ruby is **so** going to get the part of Juliet.”

“Why is he so **SURE** about that?” Nicky wondered, as they walked off.

When they got inside, they saw that Headmaster de Mousus and the rest of the committee had returned as well.

**“QUIET**, everyone!” the headmaster announced. “I need the first five rodents on



the list to please line up by the stage.”

The nervous students **QUICKLY** lined up. The rest of the students sat in the auditorium to watch as they waited to be called.

The auditions went by at a very **fast pace**. Many boy mice tried out for the part of Mouseo, and many girl mice tried out to be Juliet. They were all fine, but there was something **MISSING**.

“We need actors with a little more . . . **spark!**” Professor Rattcliff told the other judges.

But so far, nobody was quite right.

Then Craig’s turn came. He put so much **ENERGY** into his performance that when he declared his love for Juliet, he pounded on the floorboards, breaking one of them.

Shen gave a sensitive performance, but he





was so nervous that he kept **FORGETTING** his lines.

Connie from the Ruby Crew was a little too **LOUD**, and Zoe was a little too *quiet*.

At the judges' table, Professor Marblemouse sighed. "I don't think we're going to find the perfect Mouseo and Juliet in this bunch!"



# A DREAM AUDITION

Professor Rattcliff looked down at the list.

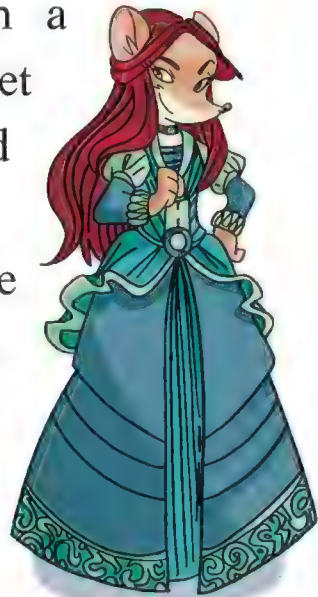
“Next up . . . **Ruby Flashyfur**,” she called out.

The auditorium suddenly went quiet.

Ruby swept down the aisle in a beautiful blue gown, just like Juliet would have worn. She looked *stunning*.

Even so, Ruby felt nervous. She tried to **SHAKE OFF** the feeling.

*Why are they wasting time listening to these other actors?* she thought.



*I am the Juliet they're looking for!*



Ruby held her head **high** as she made her grand entrance.

*I was born for the stage, she reminded herself. This is the moment I've been waiting for!*

**"COME ON, RUBY"**, show them you're the best!" Connie yelled from her seat.



"That's right!" Alicia called out. "Do your **BEST**, Ruby! It doesn't matter if you get the part or not!"

Ruby stopped and **scowled** at her. The other members of the Ruby Crew shook their heads at Alicia.

"What did I say that was so **wrong**?" Alicia asked.

"It *does* matter if Ruby gets the part," said



Zoe. “She *has* to get the part!”

Ruby reached the stage and began to read her lines. Soon it was clear.

***SHE WAS REALLY GOOD!***

There was no denying it. Her performance was filled with real *emotion*. And she had



that “spark” the judges were looking for. They couldn’t take their **EYES** off her.

“Now, *that’s* a Juliet,” said Professor Marblemouse.

Even Professor Rattcliff, who was usually very serious, let a **TEAR** fall from her eye.

“Just lovely,” she said.

Headmaster de Mousus stood up. “Well then, we have found our Juliet!”

Luckily, Professor Sparkle came to the rescue of the Thea Sisters.





“To be **fair**, we should hear from all the students before we decide,” he said.

The headmaster sighed. “Very well, then. Let’s get this over with.”

Colette was more nervous than ever. “There’s no way any of us will beat Ruby!”

But Violet had a **DETERMINED** look in her eyes. “We’ll see about that,” she said.

*“May the best  
mouse win!”*



## A THRILLING AUDITION

“Colette! You’re next,” Professor Rattcliff called out.

Colette **NERVOUSLY** got onstage.

“You can do it, Colette!” the Thea Sisters cheered.



Colette took a deep breath. Then she recited her lines. While she declared her **feelings** for Mouseo, she did a pirouette, sighed, and clutched her paws together.

“Good, but maybe a little **TOO MUCH** feeling,” Professor Marblemouse whispered to the others.



The rest of the Thea Sisters took their turn. Nicky's performance was **ENERGETIC** and **LIVELY**.

Pamela forgot most of her lines, so she improvised instead.

"Hey, Mouseo, let's forget about this cheese and go on a **TRIP** around the world," she quipped. But the judges didn't seem to enjoy the new **twist** on the old classic.

Paulina was so shy that she spoke all of her lines in a **whisper**. She was still good, though, and everyone quieted down, **RIVETED**, so they could hear her.





“She’s good, but no one would be able to **HEAR** her in the back rows,” remarked Professor Sparkle.

Finally, it was Violet’s turn. Any **NERVOUSNESS** she had vanished once she stepped onstage. She briefly closed her eyes and tried to imagine being on Juliet’s balcony. She could almost feel the **COOL BREEZE** on her fur and hear the **leaves** rustling in the trees.

As she recited her lines, she transformed herself into Juliet. She took everyone in the auditorium with her on a trip to the **ENCHANTED** land created by William Squeakspeare.

When Violet finished, everyone applauded like crazy.





The judging committee began to whisper to one another.

“Ruby was **WONDERFUL**, but so was Violet,” said Headmaster de Mousus.

Professor Rattcliff nodded. “Yes, they’re both *perfect* for the part!”

? ? ?  
The professors just couldn’t  
decide which student to choose!  
? ? ?

Finally, the headmaster stood up and addressed the crowd.

“We are not ready yet to make any **final** decisions,” he said. “Ruby and Violet, we would like to see each of you again here tomorrow at **one o’clock** for a second audition. After that, we will decide who will play the role of Juliet.”



A murmur rose from the crowd. Violet and Ruby were both **SHOCKED**.

The auditions weren't over yet!





## AN UNEXPECTED MOUSEO

The students in the crowd were about to leave when the headmaster made an **ANNOUNCEMENT**.

“We almost forgot,” he said. “There is one more name on the list: Ryder Flashyfur.”

Ryder **CONFIDENTLY** strode onto the stage and began to recite his lines.

“I love you more than **CHEDDAR**. When I’m with you, there’s nothing **BETTER**.”

The professors and students all got quiet. Ryder was performing the part with his whole *heart* and *SOUL*.

**“WOW!”** exclaimed Craig loudly, nudging the rodent next to him. “Who knew Ryder had it in him?”



“Shhh!” the student hissed. “*I want to listen!*”

Everyone was completely **MESMERIZED** as Ryder finished his lines. It was pretty clear that he would get the part of **Mouseo**.



Headmaster de Mousus dismissed everybody. Craig walked up to Ryder.

“Well, it looks like I won’t be playing Mouseo,” he said. “But I hope your sister gets the part of Juliet. She was the **BEST**.”

Ruby joined them. “Oh, I’ll get the part,” she said **CONFIDENTLY**.

Ryder raised an eyebrow. “How can you be so sure?”



“Because I’m the best, of course,” Ruby replied with a wicked *twinkle* in her eye.





## A MYSTERIOUS INVITATION

Violet woke up **early** the next morning. Now that it was **between** her and Ruby for the part of Juliet, she wanted to get in as much **PRACTICE** as possible. Instead of waking her friends, she took her copy of *Mouseo and Juliet* and went to the **garden** to read her lines.

She wasn't the only one up early. Violet found Ruby near the **fountain**, wearing workout clothes and doing some stretching exercises.

Violet walked up to her. "Good luck today," she said.

Ruby snorted. "I don't need any **luck**!"

Then Craig jogged by. "I'm **rooting** for





you, Ruby!” he called out, and Ruby smiled.

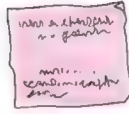
*I suppose a lot of students are rooting for Ruby,* Violet thought. *But I can't let that distract me.* She found a **quiet** spot on a bench and began to go over her lines.

“**Hey, Violet!** You're up early!”

Violet looked up to see Nicky waving at her. Her friend wore a tracksuit and was headed out for her morning **RUN.**

Violet left her book on the bench and went to meet her friend. “I wanted to get some **EXTRA** practice in,” Violet explained.

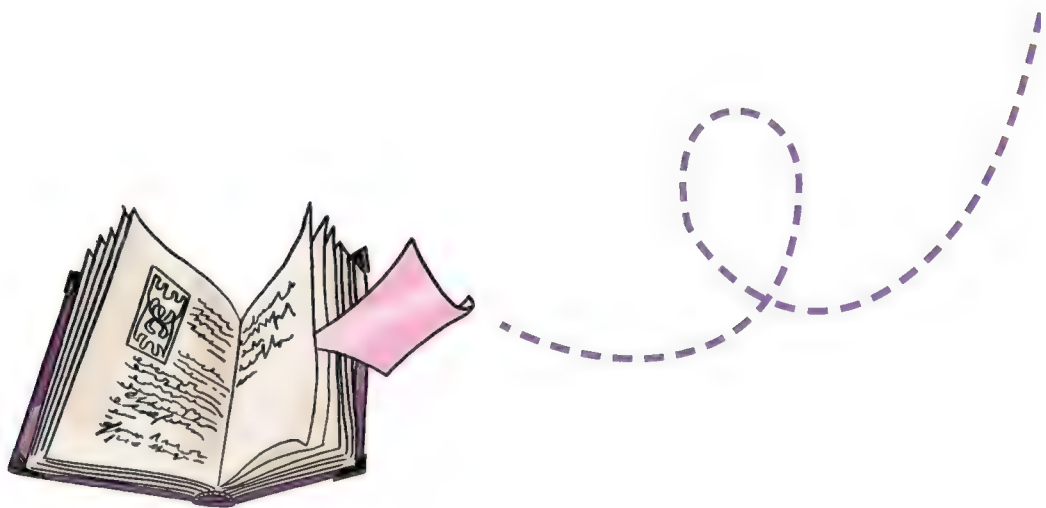


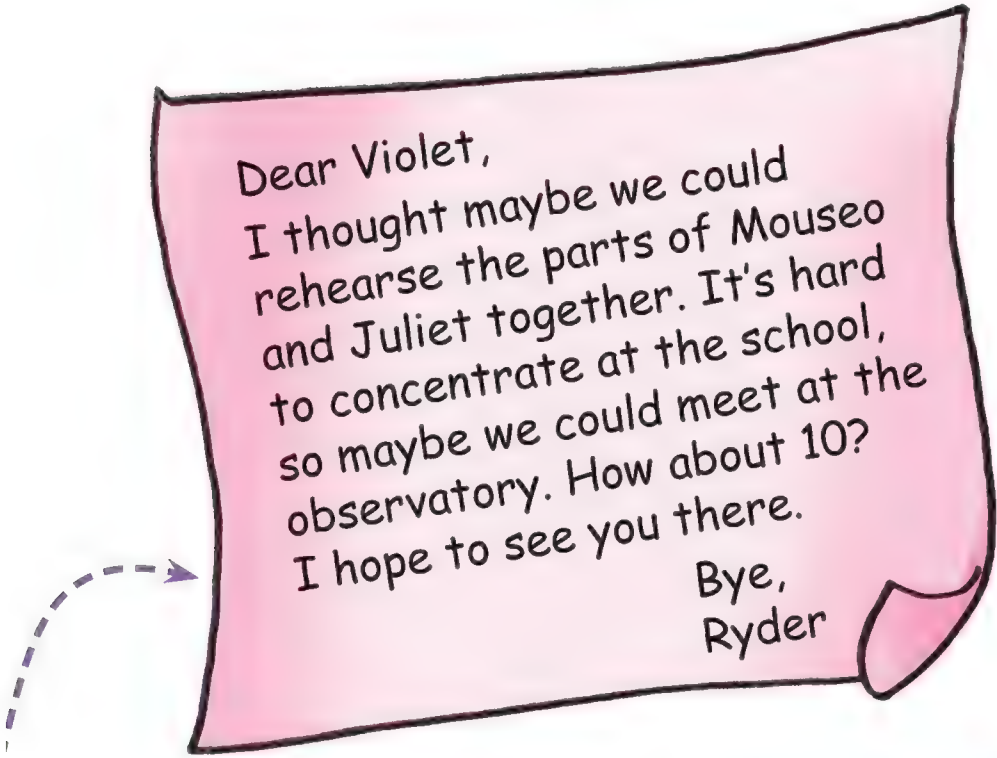


“**GOOD!**” Nicky replied. “But don’t overdo it. You were a **NATURAL** yesterday. Meet you in Colette’s room before lunch, okay?”

Violet nodded. “See you later!”

She went back to the bench. When she picked up her book, a **NOTE** fell out. She picked it up and read it:





Dear Violet,  
I thought maybe we could  
rehearse the parts of Mouseo  
and Juliet together. It's hard  
to concentrate at the school,  
so maybe we could meet at the  
observatory. How about 10?  
I hope to see you there.

Bye,  
Ryder

Violet was surprised. The **MYSTERIOUS** Ryder wanted to practice with her? They had never really even had a conversation before.

Still, she liked the **idea**. It would be easier to practice her lines with someone reading the lines of Mouseo. And Ryder was so **good**. . . .



She looked at her watch.  
It was **9:30**.

*Why not?* she decided.  
She had plenty of time to  
**GO** to the observatory,  
practice with Ryder, and  
then **GET BACK** in  
time for lunch with her  
friends and her audition.



She picked up her book and started  
**walking**, reciting lines softly to herself  
as she went.



## CAUGHT IN A TRAP!

The *astronomy* observatory was built on top of a hill and was the highest point on Whale Island. From there, students could observe the sky and the **STARS** without being disturbed by the lights on the island. A large telescope stuck out from the **dome-shaped** building, pointing toward the sky.

Violet walked along the *narrow path* that traveled through Hawk Woods and continued up the hill. It felt good to walk in the fresh morning air, and the **VIEW** was beautiful.

On one side of the path, she could see the *glittering* blue ocean down below.

CAUGHT IN



A TRAP!

GREEN trees and plants grew on the other side. She heard wings flapping and turned to see a FALCON fly out of the trees.

From the corner of her eye, she saw a large SHADOW moving in the brush.

“Ryder?” she called out, but there was no answer.

Suddenly, a sparrow popped out of a bush and began to fly in circles around Violet.

“Oh, it was just you,” she said, LAUGHING to herself. “I thought someone was there.”

When Violet reached the observatory, she opened the large front door. On weekends, only the museum inside was open, and it was usually quiet and EMPTY — the perfect place to rehearse.

“Ryder?” Violet called out.

There was no reply.





**“I’m here!”** Violet said.

**“HERE HERE HERE . . .”**

her echo responded.

She looked at her watch.

It was **10:10**.



Ryder should have arrived by now.

*Maybe he’s running late,* Violet thought.  
*Might as well wait.* She stepped toward a **MAP OF THE STARS** that hung on the wall. The map had always fascinated her, and she leaned in for a closer look.

A few seconds later, she thought she heard a **noise** outside. She turned just as the door shut loudly behind her.

**SLAM!**

CAUGHT IN

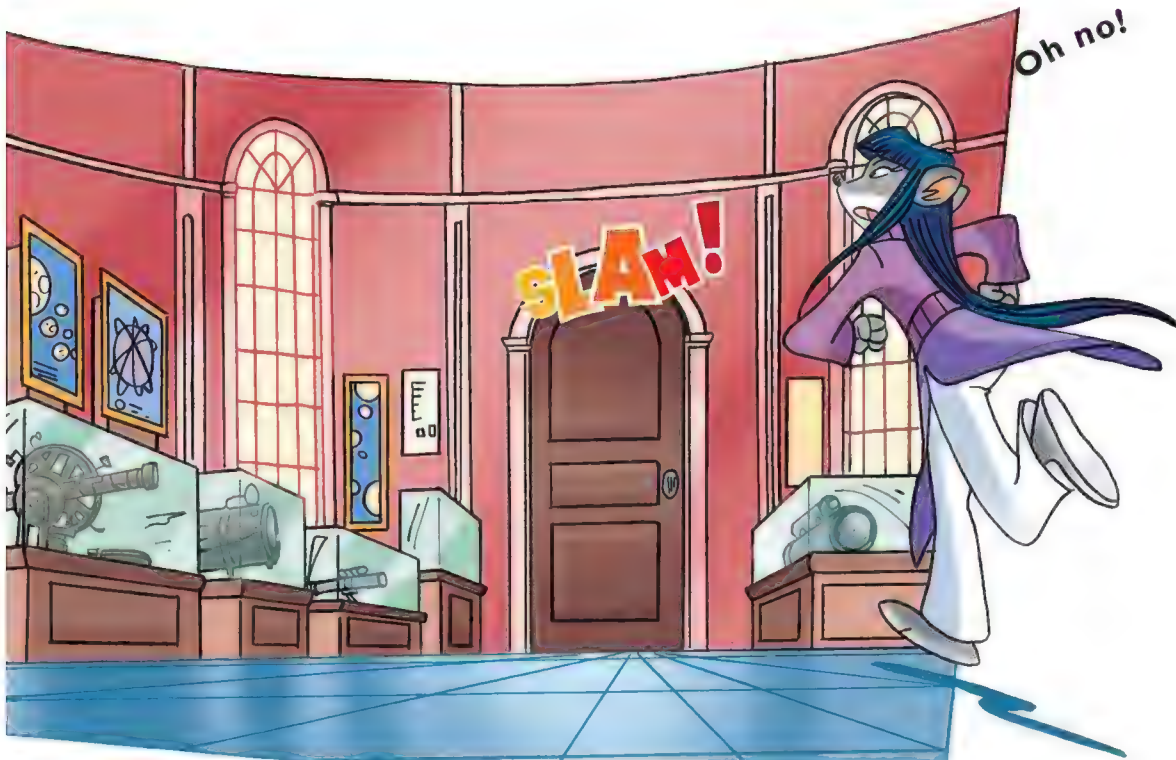


A TRAP!

“Oh no!” Violet cried. She **RAN** toward the door and pulled on the handle, but it wouldn’t **OPEN**!

She pulled again, but it didn’t **budge**. She was locked inside!

*But how had the door closed?* Violet wondered. A sudden **GUST OF WIND**? But it wasn’t windy outside. . . .



CAUGHT IN



A TRAP!

It seemed really **strange**, but there was nothing she could do. Violet tried her cell phone, but she couldn't get a signal.

Her only hope was that Ryder would be there soon.

**"Ryder, where are you?"** she called out.



## THE USUAL SUSPECTS . . .

Back at Mouseford Academy, Connie, Zoe, and Alicia were **chatting** in the garden when Ruby ran up, still wearing her workout clothes.

“Hi,” Connie said. “Where did you **DISAPPEAR** to? We looked everywhere for you.”

“Yeah, we almost thought that Violet had locked you up somewhere because she was **SCARED** of having to face you today,” added Zoe, and the other members of the Ruby Crew **LAUGHED**.

Ruby just shrugged. “She might be worried about me, but I’m not worried about her,” she said **BREEZILY**.



Alicia sighed. “Wow, Ruby, I sure wish I had your **SELF-CONFIDENCE!**”

A little while later, the Thea Sisters were in Colette’s room, ready to go to lunch — but Violet hadn’t showed up.

“Has anyone **SEEN** her recently?” Colette asked.

“Not since early this morning,” Nicky replied. “She was going over her lines. But she promised she’d meet us for **lunch.**”

“And her audition is at one o’clock!” Pamela said **worriedly**. “This isn’t like her at all.”

“We should see if she’s still in the **garden,**” Paulina suggested. “She’s probably just still practicing.”

The friends headed down to the garden, where they saw Ruby and her crew.

“Hey, Ruby, have you seen Violet?” Nicky asked.

“Why are you asking me?” Ruby **SNAPPED**. “I haven’t done anything.”

“What do you mean by that?” Pamela asked suspiciously.

“Oh, **NOTHING**, nothing,” Ruby said, with a **nervous** laugh. “She’s probably just off practicing somewhere.”



The big outdoor clock began to *chime* twelve times.

“Time for lunch, crew,” Ruby told her friends, and they left without another word.

Nicky **SCANNED** the garden. “I don’t see Violet anywhere.”

“Lunch today is **EXTRA-CHEESE** pizza, and I’m not even hungry,” said Pam. “I’m too worried about Violet.”

Colette nodded. “I’ve been trying to text her, and she’s not responding,” she said. “I have a **strange** feeling that something terrible has happened to her!”



# THE SEARCH FOR VIOLET

“We’ll do a **SEARCH**,” Nicky suggested.  
“We’ll start by asking if anyone has seen her. After we check the campus, we can move to other buildings on the island.”

They went to the cafeteria first, in case Violet had gone there without them, but they didn’t see her. They did **BUMP** into Craig, though.

“Hey,” he said when he saw them. “Did you try the pizza? It’s **SUPER-CHEESY**.”

“No, we’re **LOOKING** for Violet,” Colette said. “We can’t find her.”

“She’s probably **hiding** somewhere because she knows she can’t beat Ruby,” Craig said.



“Hey, that’s not nice!” Pam cried. “First of all, Violet is just as good as Ruby. And second of all, she would never hide out like that.”

Craig shrugged. “I wouldn’t **waste time** looking for her. She’ll turn up.”

“You know what’s **SUPER-CHEESY?** *Him*,” Pam muttered as he walked away.

The friends left the cafeteria and headed into the hallway. They saw **Ryder** about to turn a corner up ahead.

Pam suddenly **brightened**. “Hey, maybe he knows where Violet is,” she said. “They might have been practicing together.”

Paulina frowned. “That doesn’t seem likely. He is Ruby’s brother after all. But I guess we could ask.”

“**Hey, Ryder!**” Colette called out loudly. “Have you seen Violet?”

Ryder shook his head. “No, sorry.”





“It’s just **weird**, because we can’t find her anywhere, and the **SECOND AUDITION** is about to start soon,” Paulina explained.

Ryder thought for a moment. “I’ll help you look. Maybe we could **split up**. Colette and Nicky, you can look for her in the school. The rest of us can look outside.”

“**Great idea!**” Nicky said. “Even if I did think of it first.”

Pam gave Nicky a high five. “Let’s make like a wheel of cheese and **roll!**”



## A TIGER in A CAGE!

For two hours, Violet had been pacing the floor of the observatory, trying to think of a way out. She had lost all **hope** that Ryder was coming.

She grew **ANGRIER** with each passing minute. “Ryder and his mysterious note!” she fumed. “If it weren’t for him, I wouldn’t be in this mess. **GRRRR!**”

She continued to walk back and forth, like a **TIGER** in a cage. Then she stopped and took a breath.

*Violet, try to calm down and think, she told herself.*

She scanned the room again. She pushed a chair up to the nearest window and stood on



it. The window was sealed shut. And even if she could climb out, it was a **long** drop to the ground beneath.

*What do I do now?*

With a **sigh**, she climbed back down. She would **never** make it back to the academy in time for the audition.

Then she noticed a shaft of **sunlight**





coming through the window. It reflected off a **TELESCOPE** that had been put on display. An idea suddenly came to her.

“It’s **brilliant**!”





## A SHINING SOS!

While Violet tried to find a way to escape, Colette and Nicky **SEARCHED** all the school buildings for her. Pam, Paulina, and Ryder checked all the sports fields.

“No sign of her yet,” said Pam with a **frown**. “I’m starting to get **really** worried.”

“We’ll find her soon,” Ryder said, but his voice was a little unsure.

Paulina looked **THOUGHTFUL**. “Let’s think. Where are some places on the island that Violet likes to go?”

“Well, there’s the **garden**, but we’ve already checked there,” Pam said.

“What about Kneecap River?” Paulina

asked. “I know she likes to sit by the water and sketch sometimes.”

Pam nodded. “You’re right! **Let’s go!**”

Paulina, Pam, and Ryder **RACED** toward



the trail that led to the river. It was **12:30**, and the audition was just thirty minutes away. There was no **TIME** to lose.

When they got on the path, Ryder stopped to figure out the quickest route. That's when he saw a **STRANGE FLASH** of light on top of the hill.

It was coming from the observatory. But Ryder had **never** seen the observatory give off a light like that . . . unless . . .

"Pamela! Paulina!" he yelled.

The two mice turned around.

"What is it?" asked Paulina.

Ryder pointed to the observatory. "I think I may have figured out where Violet is," he said, his normally **calm** voice rising





with excitement. “See that **FLASH OF LIGHT?**”

Paulina nodded. “Yes.”

“It’s weird,” Pam said. “I’ve never seen a **bright light** like that coming from the observatory before.”

Ryder nodded. “Exactly. I think Violet must be in there . . .”

“. . . and she’s sending us a **signal!**”  
Paulina finished.

“Let me get my **SUV**,” Pam said. “We’ll head right up there!”



## FINALLY FREE!

Pam tore up the road to the observatory, *kicking up* dirt behind her wheels. When they pulled up, they could hear Violet screaming inside.

*“Heeeeeelp!  
I’m locked in here!  
Let me out!”*

They **QUICKLY** got out of the SUV. “Calm down, Vi!” Pamela yelled, running to the door. “We’re here now! We’ll **FREE** you!”

Pam reached for the door and noticed that some long sticks of wood had been **JAMMED** under the handle.



FINALLY



FREE!

“This is why Violet can’t get out!” she realized.

She removed the sticks and pulled open the door. Violet **RUSHED OUT** and threw her arms around Pam and Paulina.

“I am so *happy* to see you guys!” she sighed. “Thanks! I got stuck in here some-how, and if you hadn’t found me . . .”

Then she noticed Ryder standing behind them. “It’s all your fault!” she said **FURIOUSLY**, stomping toward him. “What kind of trick was that? You invite me up here and then don’t even show up?”

“Invited you up here?” Ryder asked in *shock*. “Me?”

Violet waved the **NOTE** she had received under his snout. “You sent me this note asking me to **practice** with you here!”

“I didn’t write this, I swear,” Ryder said.

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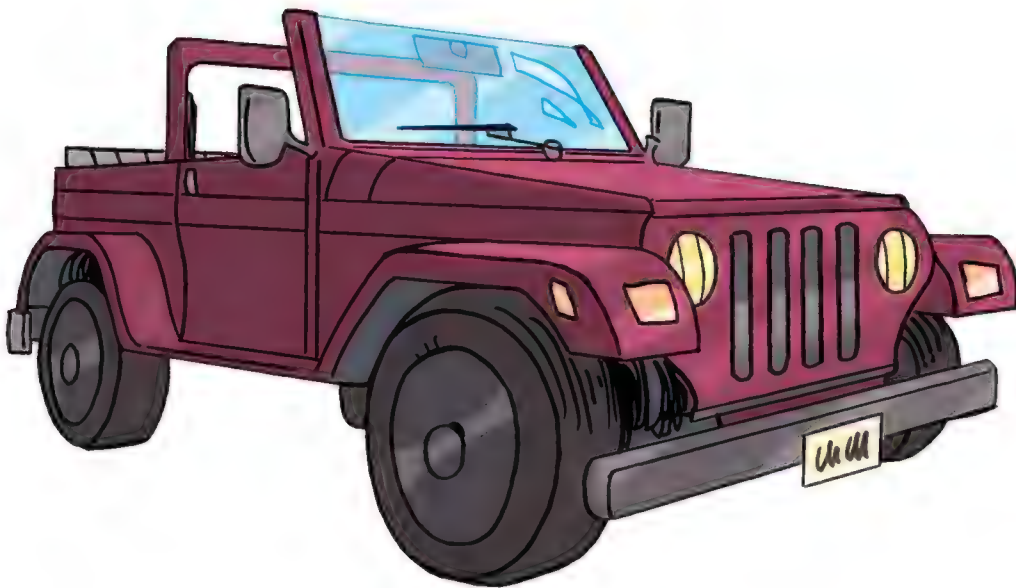


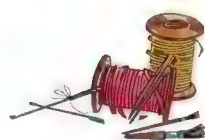
FREE!

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“Then who did?” Violet asked.

“Um, Vi, you might want to figure this out later,” Pam said. “We’ve got to get you to your audition — ***FAST!***”





## ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!

“I still don’t **UNDERSTAND**,” Violet said as she climbed into the SUV. “Who would want to **lock** me in the observatory?”

“Someone who didn’t want you to audition,” Pam guessed. “Like **Ruby**.”

“Or **CRAIG**,” Paulina added. “He’s really been rooting for Ruby to get the part.”

When they got to the main hall, they spilled out and rushed to the auditorium. Nicky and Colette greeted Violet with **hugs**.

“The auditions are starting!” Nicky said.

When Violet entered, Ruby turned as **PALE** as a slice of mozzarella.

“But how did you get out . . . I mean . . .” she stammered.



Violet looked at her friends. **Ruby** had just given herself away. She was the one who had locked Violet in the observatory!

"I'm here now," Violet said calmly.

*"May the best mouse win!"*

Ruby auditioned first. She was so **rattled** by seeing Violet that she messed up her lines.

When it was Violet's turn, she delivered her lines *perfectly*.

"We have made a decision," said Headmaster de Mousus. "The part of Juliet shall go to **Violet**!"

"Hooray!" shouted the Thea Sisters.

Over the next few weeks, all of the students *worked together*



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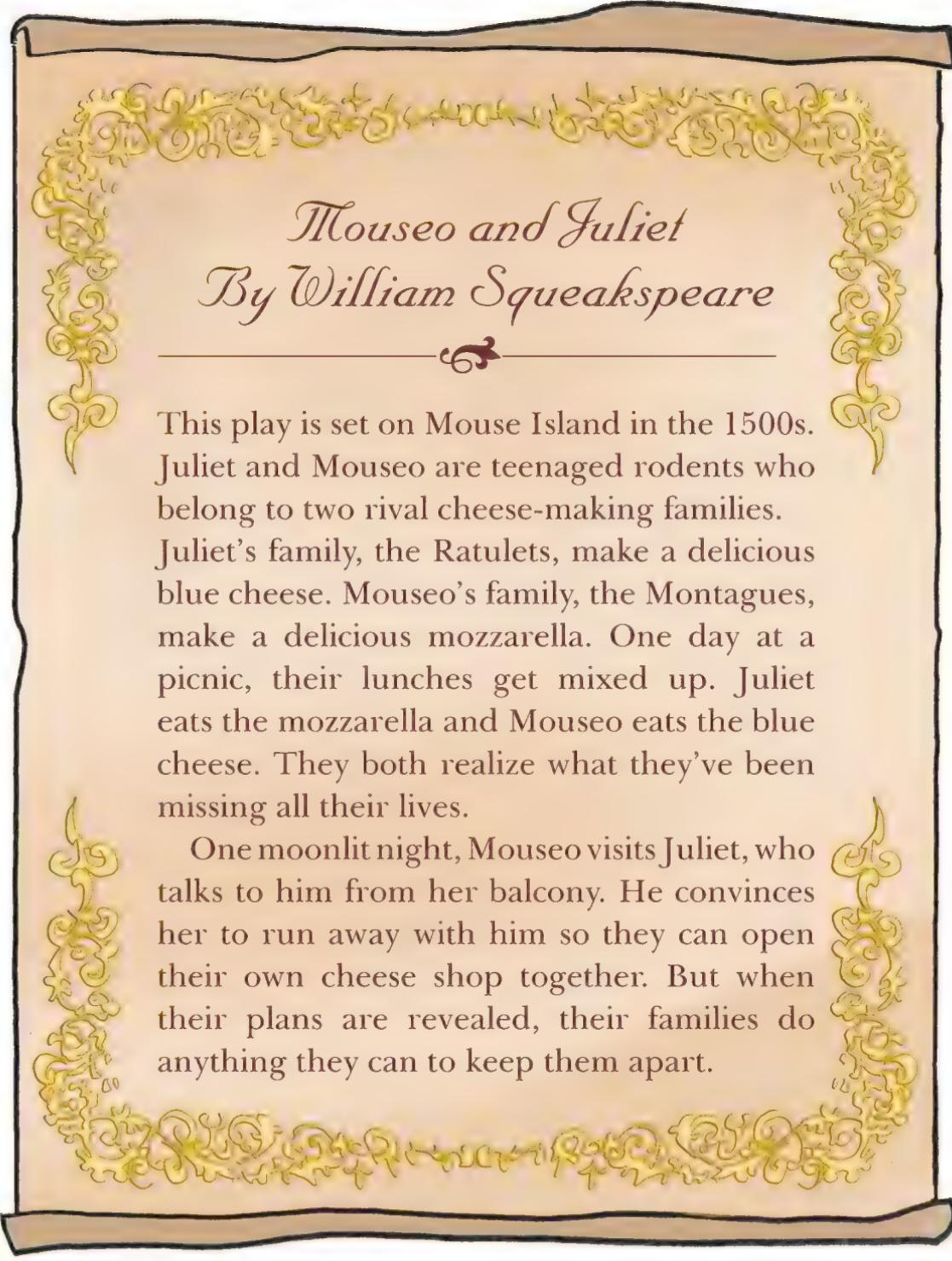


ENDS WELL!

to put on the play. Colette helped design **COSTUMES**. Paulina and Nicky helped **PAINT** scenery. Pam worked with the **lighting** crew.

Even the Ruby Crew was busy. They created **PROGRAMS** for the night of the performance that told a summary of the story of *Mouseo and Juliet*. It wasn't the most glamorous job, but Ruby and her friends worked hard on it anyway.



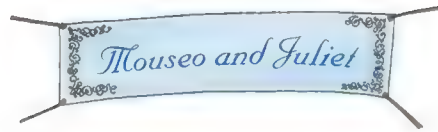


*Mouseo and Juliet*  
*By William Squeakspeare*

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This play is set on Mouse Island in the 1500s. Juliet and Mouseo are teenaged rodents who belong to two rival cheese-making families. Juliet's family, the Ratulets, make a delicious blue cheese. Mouseo's family, the Montagues, make a delicious mozzarella. One day at a picnic, their lunches get mixed up. Juliet eats the mozzarella and Mouseo eats the blue cheese. They both realize what they've been missing all their lives.

One moonlit night, Mouseo visits Juliet, who talks to him from her balcony. He convinces her to run away with him so they can open their own cheese shop together. But when their plans are revealed, their families do anything they can to keep them apart.



## BRAVO! ENCORE!

On opening night, spectators **crowded** the main hall. Colette, Nicky, Pam, and Paulina made sure they got **FRONT-ROW** seats. When the curtain opened, Violet spotted her friends right away.

Pamela stood up and started cheering.

**“WAY TO GO, VIOLET!”  
YOU’RE THE BEST!”**

Violet tried not to smile. The support of her friends meant so much to her.

Professor Rattcliff gave Pam a **severe** look.





"Sssh!" she scolded.

"Be quiet!"

Once the crowd **calmed** down, the show began. The performers had rehearsed many times, and everything went **smoothly**. A few actors forgot their lines and improvised instead, but nobody noticed.

When Violet and Ryder did their scenes together, something **magical** happened. The whole audience was transported to a different place and time. You could practically smell the **CHEESE** in the air. . . .

When the final curtain fell, the audience burst into **joyous** applause. The Thea Sisters hugged one another. They were so **happy** for their friend!

Even Ruby applauded. She was **jealous** of Violet, and would have loved to get the applause instead — but she had to admit that Violet was really **great**. And she was **happy** for her brother, of course.

Afterward, everyone agreed on one thing — there really is something magical about the theater!

*It was truly  
a night to remember!*







**Don't miss  
these exciting  
Thea Sisters  
adventures!**



**Thea Stilton and the  
Dragon's Code**



**Thea Stilton and the  
Mountain of Fire**



**Thea Stilton and the  
Ghost of the Shipwreck**



**Thea Stilton and the  
Secret City**



**Thea Stilton and the  
Mystery in Paris**



**Thea Stilton and the  
Cherry Blossom Adventure**



**Thea Stilton and the  
Star Castaways**



**Thea Stilton: Big Trouble  
in the Big Apple**



**Thea Stilton and the  
Ice Treasure**



**Thea Stilton and the  
Secret of the Old Castle**



**Thea Stilton and the  
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**Thea Stilton and the  
Prince's Emerald**



**Thea Stilton and the Mystery  
on the Orient Express**



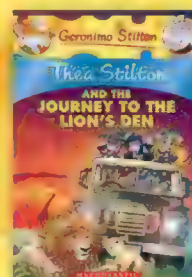
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Dancing Shadows**



**Thea Stilton and the  
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**Thea Stilton and the  
Spanish Dance Mission**



**Thea Stilton and the  
Journey to the Lion's Den**



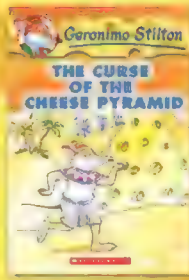
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Great Tulip Heist**



**Don't miss  
any of my  
fabumouse  
adventures!**



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of the Emerald Eye**



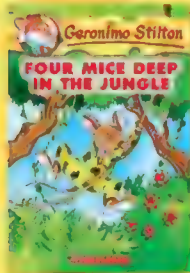
**#2 The Curse  
of the Cheese  
Pyramid**



**#3 Cat and  
Mouse in a  
Haunted House**



**#4 I'm Too Fond  
of My Fur!**



**#5 Four Mice  
Deep in the Jungle**



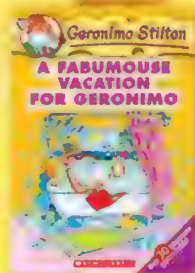
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**#7 Red Pizzas for  
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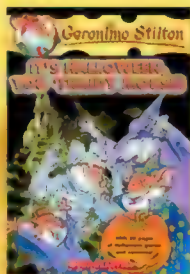
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**#9 A Fabumouse  
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Geronimo**



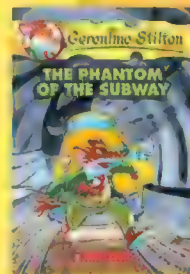
**#10 All Because of  
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**#11 It's  
Halloween, You  
'Fraidy Mouse!**



**#12 Merry  
Christmas,  
Geronimo!**



**#13 The Phantom  
of the Subway**



**#14 The Temple of  
the Ruby of Fire**



**#15 The Mona  
Mousa Code**



**#16 A Cheese-  
Colored Camper**



**#17 Watch Your  
Whiskers, Stilton!**



**#18 Shipwreck on  
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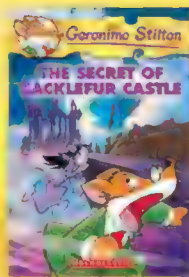
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Stilton, Geronimo  
Stilton**



**#20 Surf's Up,  
Geronimo!**



**#21 The Wild,  
Wild West**



**#22 The Secret  
of Cacklefur  
Castle**



**A Christmas Tale**



**#23 Valentine's  
Day Disaster**



**#24 Field Trip to  
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**#25 The Search  
for Sunken  
Treasure**



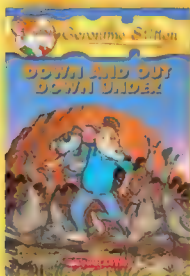
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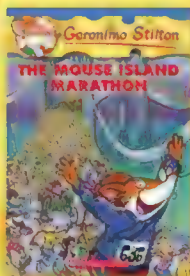
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**#28 Wedding  
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**#29 Down and  
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**#30 The Mouse  
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**#31 The  
Mysterious  
Cheese Thief**



**Christmas  
Catastrophe**



**#32 Valley of the  
Giant Skeletons**



**#33 Geronimo  
and the Gold  
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**#35 A Very Merry  
Christmas**



**#36 Geronimo's  
Valentine**



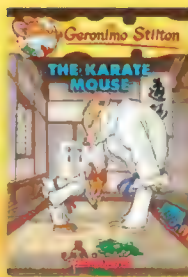
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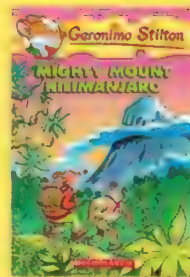
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**#39 Singing Sensation**



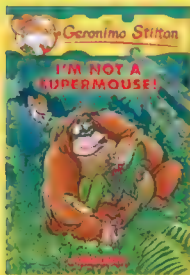
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**#41 Mighty Mount Kilimanjaro**



**#42 The Peculiar Pumpkin Thief**



**#43 I'm Not a Supermouse!**



**#44 The Giant Diamond Robbery**



**#45 Save the White Whale!**



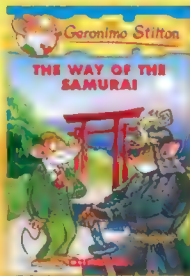
**#46 The Haunted Castle**



**#47 Run for the Hills, Geronimo!**



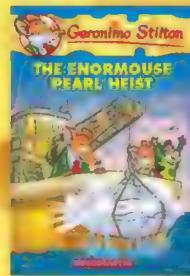
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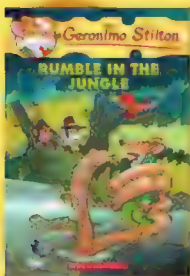
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**#51 The Enormouse Pearl Heist**



**#52 Mouse in Space!**



**#53 Rumble in the Jungle**



**#54 Get into Gear, Stilton!**



**#55 The Golden Statue Plot**

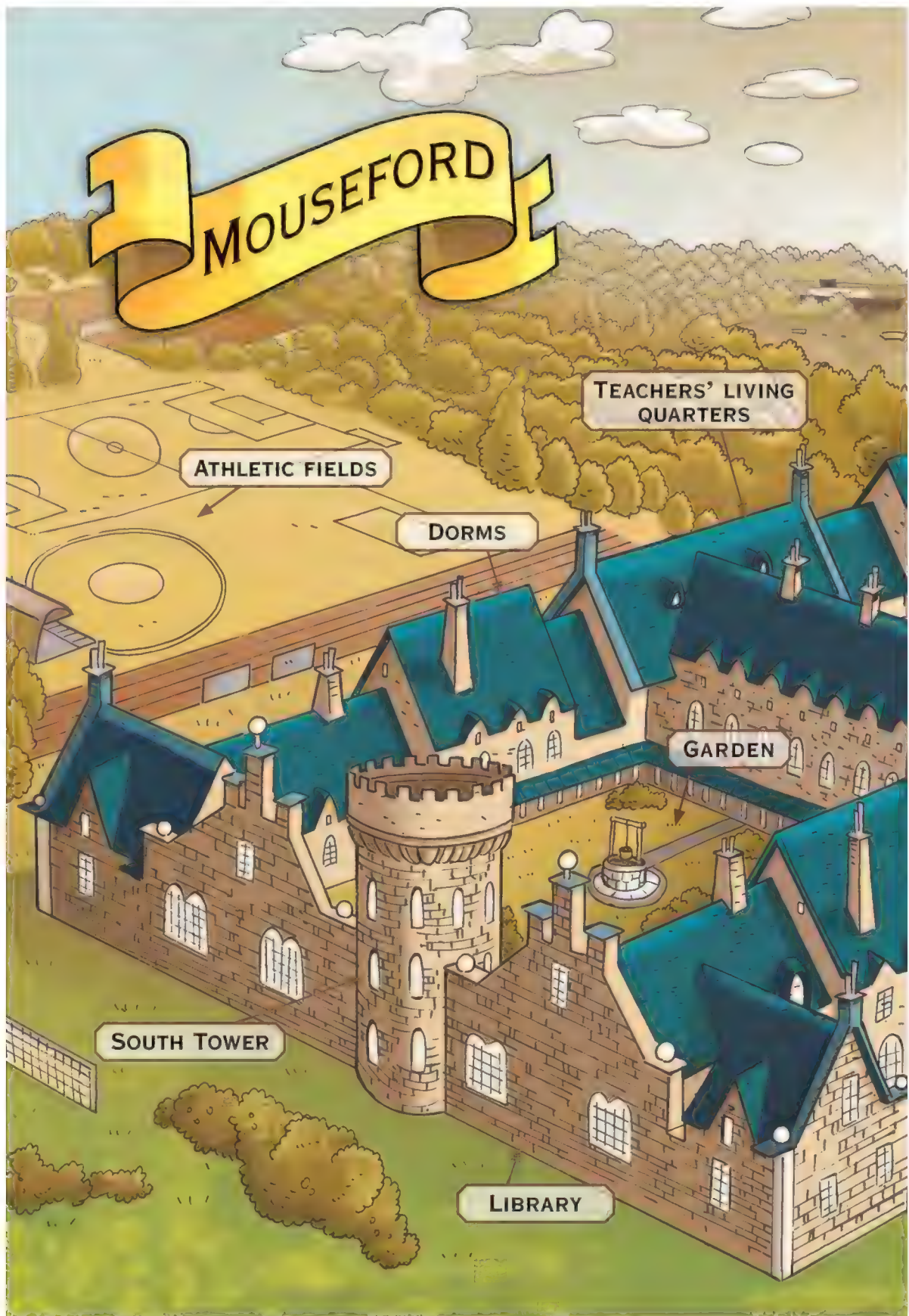


**#56 Flight of the Red Bandit**



**The Hunt for the Golden Book**

# 1 MOUSEFORD



TEACHERS' LIVING  
QUARTERS

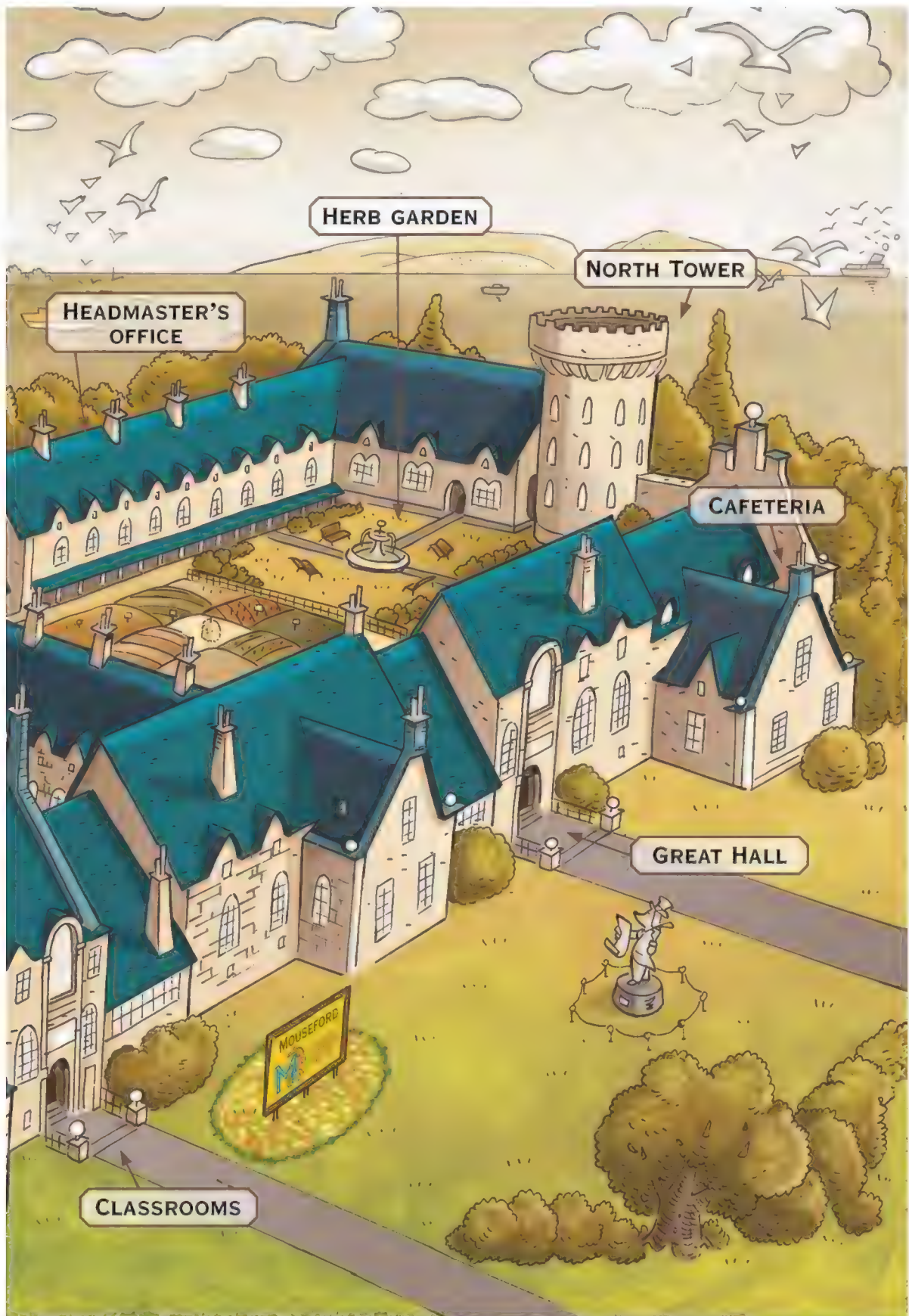
ATHLETIC FIELDS

DORMS

GARDEN

SOUTH TOWER

LIBRARY





# MAP OF WHALE ISLAND

- |                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Falcon Peak        | 14. Town Square        |
| 2. Observatory        | 15. Butterfly Bay      |
| 3. Mount Landslide    | 16. Mussel Point       |
| 4. Solar Energy Plant | 17. Lighthouse Cliff   |
| 5. Ram Plain          | 18. Pelican Cliff      |
| 6. Very Windy Point   | 19. Nightingale Woods  |
| 7. Turtle Beach       | 20. Marine Biology Lab |
| 8. Beachy Beach       | 21. Hawk Woods         |
| 9. Mouseford Academy  | 22. Windy Grotto       |
| 10. Kneecap River     | 23. Seal Grotto        |
| 11. Mariner's Inn     | 24. Seagulls Bay       |
| 12. Port              | 25. Seashell Beach     |
| 13. Squid House       |                        |

THANKS FOR READING,  
AND GOOD-BYE UNTIL OUR  
NEXT ADVENTURE!



Thea Sisters



The Thea Sisters are five students at Mouseford Academy on Whale Island. They are adventurous, lively, fun mice, and they want to become journalists someday. Between lessons and friendship, life at Mouseford Academy is incredibly fabumouse!



## DRAMA AT MOUSEFORD

To celebrate Mouseford Academy's 600th anniversary, the headmaster and teachers decide to stage a performance of William Squeakspeare's famous play *Mouseo and Juliet*! The Thea Sisters all want the part of Juliet, but so does their rival, Ruby Flashyfur. Who will be the star of the show?

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